

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, April 10, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Neal Boyle was absent; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Patrolman Joe Duchesne; residents Laura Robinson and Bill Elliott.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

The board signed three year Deputy Warden appointments for Laura Roberts, Tyler Belanger and Michael Eldridge, Jr.

There was no public comment and Chief Shackford gave his department head update. He sited all the motor vehicle stops per road along with stationary radar in the Village. He also reported on other activity from the past week.

The Chief had received in the mail literature for radar speed signs. This could be the possible solution to the speeding issues in the village. The NH Dept of Transportation is more willing to work with the town with these signs rather than by other means. They would have to conduct traffic counts, etc. and it would be a lengthier process towards a possible resolution than these signs. The chief will look into this more and get back to the board.

Justin Brooks reported that the transfer station activity is up once again. He reported that the rescue truck had been in for repairs but was back and in service.

The road agent reported that they were currently raking what roads were dry, and putting away the winter equipment.

Hatch reported that the Administrative Assistant was working on putting the tax maps on line and they were pleased that this was being done.

The board will be meeting next week at Town Hall with County Commissioner Mark Hounsell. Babb will be on vacation.

Next reviewed was the fire truck sales agreement; there were questions on delivery and J. Brooks explained that the town attorney had reviewed all the specs and warranties and the documents had been changed to reflect delivery first to Tamworth then to the Station at 218 Village Road. A checklist would be done with items completed and a weeks training would also be complete before they accepted the truck.

Day signed the agreement, based on his vote last week Babb did not sign, Hatch will call Boyle to sign the agreement.

No changes had been made to the investment policy from the prior year, however, an annual adoption is necessary; Babb made a motion to readopt our current policy, Day seconded.

A rewrite of the highway ordinance that had been readopted as amended last week was presented by the Road Agent. This had been reviewed by the town attorney and included his recommended wording. Chief Shackford agreed that this was a better write up of the ordinance. This ordinance would need to reflect the amended penalties from last week. Babb made a motion to replace the previously approved ordinance with the new proposed deposit of materials ordinance; seconded by Day.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:26pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Returned to open session at 7:35pm.

After reviewing Richard Masse's file Babb made a motion to allow him to receive the Veteran's Tax Exemption; seconded by Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.